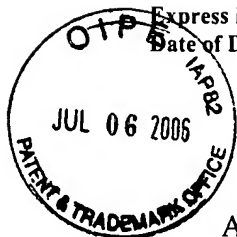


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Petition for Three Months Extension of Time (1 pg.);
2. Communication (1 pg.);
3. Check No. 22724 in the amount of \$1,020.00; and
4. Return Postcard.

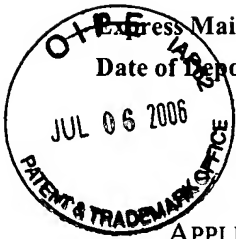
If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 23239-541.
A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006 in the above-identified application, Applicants have on this date filed a continuation application. Applicants file herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the required fee. Thus, with the three-month extension, this paper is due on or before July 6, 2006.

Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23239-541).

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